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SUBJ: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FONMIN PERDOMO WAS INTERVIEWED ON HIS RETURN BY LOCAL PRESS CONCERNING THE MEETING IN MIAMI WITH FONMIN BORGONOVO OF EL SALVADOR. PERDOMO WAS ACCOMPANIED TO MIAMI BY LT. COLONEL CESAR ELVIR SIERRA, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, AND FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, ROBERTO RAMIREZ. PERDOMO DECLINED TO COMMENT ON ANY DECISIONS REACHED IN MIAMI, INDICATING THAT THEY WERE STILL TENTATIVE. HE REMARKED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD RESOLVING THE CONFLICT. PERDOMO INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE FURTHER MEETINGS WITH BORGONOVO AND THAT THE RESULT OF THOSE MEETINGS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

2. PERDOMO WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHY THE MEETING WAS HELD IN MIAMI AND RESPONDED THAT THE SITE OF THE MEETING HAD ALREADY BEEN SELECTED WHEN HE HAD ASSUMED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE SAID THAT OUT OF COURTESY TO BORGONOVO, THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SITE PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON. IN COMMENTING ON A NATIONALIST PARTY DECLARATION TO THE EFFECT

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THAT ANY PARTIAL SETTLEMENT WOULD BE TRAITOROUS TO HONDURAS,

PERDOMO OBSERVED THAT PATRIOTISM COULD NOT BE MEASURED BY THE STANDARDS OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES, BUT ONLY AGAINST WHAT EVERY HONDURAN FEELS IN REGARD TO THE INTERESTS OF HIS COUNTRY.

3. ONE PRESS ACCOUNT INDICATED THAT THE TWO FONMINS HAD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A PERMANENT DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT ALSO REPORTED THAT THE SEVEN POINTS PUT FORWARD BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN 1969 HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE TWO FONMINS AS THE BASIS FOR ANY NEGOTIATIONS.
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